

## CLUB SERVICE

4-Way Test—*this week* – Ellen Priest  
4-Way Test—*next meeting* – TBA  
Program— Ahmed Samaha  
Mar. Invocation— Regena Brackett  
Mar. Greeters — Joe Shields & Karen Poteat  
Mar. Students – Nathan Leonard (SAHS), Mohsin Rizvi (AHS), Jake Harrington (MHES)  
Mar. Student Hosts – Dean Sackett (SAHS), Bob Byrne (AHS), Sharon Rodgers (MHES)

## GUESTS

Michael Agwanda	Speaker
Nathan Leonard	Student guest
Mohsin Rizvi	Student guest
Jake Harrington	Student guest
Peter Stein	guest of Brenda Stein
Marilyn Sackett	guest of Dean Sackett
Charlotte Holly	guest of Betty Ryberg
Brad Johnson	guest of Jeff Baumgartner
Frances Osteen	Speaker guest
Pat Moore	guest of Betty Ryberg
Rob Kent	guest of Joe Lewis
Corey Feraldi	guest of Ahmed Samaha
Reto Schaepler	guest of Mike Pereyo
Mike Pereyo	visiting Sunrise Rotary
Rob Novit	visiting Sunrise Rotary

## MAKE-UPS

Richard Herring	3 make-ups
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## MARCH STUDENT GUESTS



Rotarian Regena Brackett introduced Aiken High's Mohsin Rizvi. Mohsin is considering NYU, Columbia, and Brown University to study computer science. Mohsin plans to visit schools during his spring break. He is active in the Aiken High Interact Club and has participated in our club's trash pick up events. Mohsin's brother, now at Georgia Tech, was one of our club's students of the month last year.



Rotarian Sharon Rogers introduced Jake Harrington, from Mead Hall. Jake is strongly considering USC Honor's College. In addition to being active in the Beta Club, Jake is on the archery team, soccer team and student council. He has also attend Palmetto Boys State. Jake is the grandson of longtime Aiken Preparatory School headmaster, Robert Harrington, who was recently honored at the Centennial celebration for Aiken Preparatory, sponsored by Mead Hall Episcopal School, now that the two have joined forces.



Rotarian Dean Sackett introduced Nathan Leonard, a South Aiken High School student. Nathan wishes to become a missionary and plans to study this in school. He is active at Millbrook Baptist Church. At South Aiken, he is in the marching and concert bands. He is also a NJROTC member and the South Aiken team just competed in an Orienteering contest and placed 5<sup>th</sup> nationally.



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Catie Rabun	(2018)

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Richard Holley  
John McMichael

# THE GEAR

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## PROGRAM LAST WEEK

A brief from Dan Brown's Aiken Standard article



PHOTO BY DAN BROWN  
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Michael Agwanda, a visiting Kenyan missionary, spoke to our club last week about problems facing his home country. Agwanda, founder of Life for Children Ministry, talked of a by-product of the HIV/AIDS pandemic in Agwanda's native Kenya – orphaned children.

He was orphaned by AIDS as a child, his mother dying of AIDS when he was 7, and his father succumbing shortly thereafter. After receiving a year of religious training in the U.S., Agwanda founded Life for Children Ministries in 2006. Life for Children Ministry is dedicated to providing a future for Kenya's children orphaned by AIDS.

Agwanda also is seeking donations to purchase mosquito nets to help stem the tide of malaria, one of the leading causes of death for children younger than the age of 5 in Kenya.

Other projects made possible by Life for Children Ministry partnerships include drilling two wells in Wachara, building schools and providing small business loans to help those in need get on their feet.

## PROGRAM TODAY

### MARK VANDERSLICE PACER BASKETBALL



## HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE

By Owen Clary

Last week during the meeting we had mention of the 100th anniversary of Aiken Prep School and the special display at the Museum on Aiken Prep. Aiken Prep has had a long connection with our Rotary Club over the years. We note that in 1956 (The oldest listing of membership that we have found) that Harold Fletcher, Headmaster at Aiken Prep, was a member of our Club. He retained his membership in Rotary until 1973, when he retired as Headmaster, to be followed by Bob Harrington as Headmaster. Bob then was a member of our Club from 1974-1988. Now this month, we have Jake Harrington as our Student of the Month from Mead Hall (formerly Aiken Prep). Jake is the grandson of Bob Harrington. Thanks to our member, Grant Wiseman, and his team at Mead Hall, they are carrying on the 100 year old traditions of Aiken Prep.

Sitting under the "Paulownia fortunei" tree! Last week also was mentioned, and flowers exhibited, of the rare white Paulownia ffortunei tree at the corner of Colleton and Orangeburg streets. That tree, one of the few in the US outside of the National Arboretum in DC, is a native of the Orient. Tradition has it that Oriental women sit under the tree when it is in bloom and breath deeply that wonderful fragrance, which then, in turn, acts as an aphrodisiac and increases the libido. (Hum)!

## FUTURE PROGRAMS

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>MONTHLY THEME: LITERACY</b>
MAR 28	James Hankinson, Founder of Hankinson Boxing Gym; Gloves Up - Guns Down
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MONTHLY THEME: MAGAZINE</b>
APR 4	Katie Ard; Hospice 101
APR 11	TBA

## BIRTHDAYS

3/22	Mick Fekula
3/25	Del Hickey
3/26	Richard Holley

## CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

3/22	Clayton Quattlebaum (2004)
3/23	Ted Cummings (2015)
3/23	Bob Forrest (2015)



## 7750 ALL CLUB CONFERENCE APRIL 22-24, 2016 GREENVILLE, SC

The 3 "Cs" of this Conference are Connect, Collaborate, and Celebrate. We will connect not only with hundreds of Rotarians but also with these nationally-known keynote speakers:

- **Ken Solow**, author of The Rotary Blog *Ready, Fire, Aim* with some great insights on club leadership
- **Greg Blake**, humorist, motivator and author of *Carving The Table*
- **Marilyn Fitzgerald**, author of *If I Had a Water Buffalo*, a true story of her Rotary humanitarian experiences
- **Ben Bahr**, noted international expert and research on aging with facts about Alzheimer's Disease you'll want to know
- **Multiple Rotarians** presenting All Star Club Projects - ideas we can use in our club

Please **register NOW** for the All Club Conference. This is our opportunity to connect with people who are doing important work and to get some new ideas for our club.

**An important thing to know about the All Club Conference is that the Hotel rate of \$149 expires on April 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date, hotel rooms in downtown Greenville will be both scarce and at least \$100 more expensive. Reserve a room today at the Hyatt Regency Greenville.**

**You can find information about the conference registration and hotel reservations on the web: [www.rotary7750.org/Conference](http://www.rotary7750.org/Conference)**